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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly wish
3 to congratulate Dr. James C. Torricelli of Springfield on the
4 occasion of his 75th birthday; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Italian immigrants, Dr. Torricelli has
6 dedicated a lifetime of service to the residents of Illinois;
7 as Executive Director of New Start, Inc., a not-for-profit
8 organization in Springfield that provides education and job
9 training opportunities to the unemployed, dislocated and
10 displaced workers, underemployed workers, veterans, the
11 elderly, the handicapped, the economically disadvantaged,
12 those people on welfare, school dropouts, and others, he has
13 influenced and impacted thousands of lives and helped so many
14 find gainful employment; and

15 WHEREAS, New Start, Inc., has grown from a small counseling
16 and training program for ex-offenders to providing a wide range
17 of training programs that are targeted for many over the course
18 of its 34-year history; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Torricelli has a personal educational
20 philosophy that has led to many years of success in his work;
21 he believes that all individuals deserve to be treated with
22 dignity and respect and has worked to offer a wide variety of

1 non-traditional educational opportunities to meet the unique
2 educational needs of each student; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Torricelli's work provides individuals with
4 higher levels of self-confidence, greater employment
5 opportunities, and the potential for upward mobility within
6 their employment; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr, Torricelli provides a positive and caring
8 nature to the staff of New Start as well; he is the first to
9 celebrate their joys and triumphs, as well as the first person
10 to offer assistance in times of need; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Torricelli holds a Doctor of Philosophy in
12 Educational Leadership from Southern Illinois University in
13 Carbondale, a Master of Arts in Educational Administration from
14 Northeast Missouri State University, and a Bachelor of Science
15 in Philosophy, Social Studies, Health, and Physical Education
16 from Quincy College; he is also the recipient of a Certificate
17 of Appreciation from the Illinois National Guard; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Torricelli is the proud father of five and the
19 loving grandfather of many wonderful grandchildren; all of Dr.
20 Torricelli's children have carried on his ideal of public
21 service in the State of Illinois; he recently celebrated his
22 seventy-fifth birthday with his family and friends; therefore,

1 be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
4 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we congratulate Dr. Torricelli
5 on his 75th birthday, thank him for his years of service to the
6 people of the State of Illinois, and wish him the best for
7 years to come; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Dr. Torricelli as a symbol of our respect and
10 esteem.